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2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 10-12.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
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MARC JIMENEZ
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

On page 6, the last full paragraph has been amended as follows:

To achieve the objectives outlined above, the present invention has been designed so as to comprise the means disclosed in [Claims 1 through 12] certain preferred embodiments of this application.

On page 15, the first full paragraph has been amended as follows:

Figure 1 shows the configuration of a heat-resistant assembly according to this invention, which is used to protect the boiler tubes in a waste-heat boiler. This is a first preferred embodiment of the invention [, which corresponds to Claims 1 through 6] of this application. The drawing is a cross section of the heat-resistant assembly for protecting the tubes in the combustor of the boiler, taken perpendicular to the axes of the tubes.

On page 15, the third full paragraph has been amended as follows:

Figure 3 shows the configuration of a heat-resistant assembly according to this invention, which is used to protect the boiler tubes in a waste-heat boiler. This is a second preferred

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embodiment of the invention [, which corresponds to Claims 1 through 6] of this application.

The drawing is a cross section corresponding to Figure 1.

On page 15, the fifth full paragraph has been amended as follows:

Figure 5 shows a preferred embodiment [corresponding to Claim 7] of this application.

This drawing corresponds to the cross section taken along line B-B in Figure 1.

On page 15, the seventh full paragraph has been amended as follows:

Figure 7 illustrates the use of the invention disclosed in [Claim 7 of] this application. It is a cross section corresponding to Figure 5.

On page 15, the ninth full paragraph has been amended as follows:

Figure 9 shows a preferred embodiment corresponding to [Claims 8 and 9 of] this application. This drawing corresponds to the cross section taken along line B-B in Figure 1.

On page 16, the second full paragraph has been amended as follows:

Figure 11 is a perspective drawing illustrating the use of the embodiment [corresponding to Claims 8 and 9] of this application.

On page 16, the third full paragraph has been amended as follows:

Figure 12 is a rear view illustrating the method of building the heat-resistant block which is a preferred embodiment [corresponding to Claims 10 through 12] of this application.

On page 16, the fourth full paragraph has been amended as follows:

Figure 13 shows the essential aspects of the method of constructing a heat-resistant assembly according to this invention for protecting the tubes in a waste-heat boiler. More specifically, it shows the essential aspects of removing the excess mortar used as an adhesive, which corresponds to the process of [Claim 9 of] this application. The arrows indicate the direction perpendicular to the axes of the tubes.

On page 16, the sixth full paragraph has been amended as follows:

Figure 15 shows a preferred embodiment [corresponding to Claims 11 through 12] of this application. It shows the same view as Figure 13.

On page 16, the eighth full paragraph has been amended as follows:

Figure 17 is a perspective drawing which illustrates the essential aspects of the method of building a heat-resistant assembly [which corresponds to Claims 10 through 12] of this application.

The paragraph bridging pages 16 and 17 has been amended as follows:

Figure 18 is a perspective drawing which illustrates the essential aspects of the finishing work in the preferred embodiment of the method of building a heat-resistant assembly [which corresponds to Claims 10 through 12] of this application.

On page 27, the last full paragraph has been amended as follows:

In particular, with the invention disclosed in [Claim 7 of] this application, if a high temperature is attained during operation, the fusible substance interposed between the arm and the indentation in the block will melt to create a gap to accommodate the thermal expansion of the arm. This prevents the mortar from being damaged by the arm and the mortar having different rates of thermal expansion.

On page 28, the first full paragraph has been amended as follows:

With the inventions disclosed in [Claims 10 through 12 of] this application, the process of introducing the mortar is divided into two steps: applying the mortar to the tube assembly, and applying the mortar to the block. Since the mortar is applied to an exposed space, the process does not require any particular skill, and the mortar can be finished to the prescribed thickness using a gauge such as a scraper.

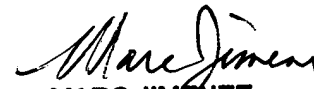
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marc Jimenez whose telephone number is (571) 272-4530. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Bryant can be reached on (571) 272-4526. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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